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SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Lets take the amendments then.

CLERK: Senator Bereuter's amendments Senator?

SENATOR SAVAGE: Will Senator Luedtke handle the amendment?

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: I will handle the amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Read the amendment.

CLERK: Read Bereuter amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Luedtke.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Mr. President I move the adoption of the amendment. I have talked to Senator Bereuter and I have also talked to Senator Schmit. You heard Senator Schmit's remarks this significnatly reduces the bill to almost killing it. It is not quite that far, but it does pretty much take us back to where we are except that it does say that there shall be these investigations. But that a county judge would not be required to do it if he has in his file sufficiently current information upon which he or she can base a decision in these cases. I think that it is a practical amendment. I think it does what Senator Schmit was objecting to and still allows the judge in a very severe case to have a full investigation when we have these adoptions outside of the agency. I support the amendment and move its adoption.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, I just want to be very brief and say that the amendment does exactly what I said. It places the law back in exactly the same position that it is today, meaning that the bill does nothing. But, it may give the Department of Welfare a chance to hire some more people and give the county courts some more work and give them that excuse. I think that we should know that the passage of this bill will some day cost more money. That is why I am still going to oppose the bill.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Is there any further discussion? The question is the adoption of the Bereuter amendment as presented by Senator Luedtke. All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Will you please vote. Senator Savage voting aye. Have you all voted?

CLERK: Senator Savage voting aye.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, no nays Mr. President.

SENATOR SAVAGE: All right, we will go to the bill.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill Mr. President.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Motion that the bill be advanced. Is there

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